Child Labourers

3785. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of child labourers in the country, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the schemes currently implemented to check the child labourers; and

(c) the funds released to States during the last five years under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) The estimation of the number of child labour in the country state-wise, is done on the basis of the Census carried out by the Registrar General of India. The Census, by the Registrar General of India is carried out once in every ten years and yearly data regarding existence of child labour state-wise is not maintained. The State-wise figure of child labour as per the Census 2001 is laid on the Table of the House Statement I. (*See* below)

(b) With a view to eliminating child labour in hazardous occupations and processes, the National Child Labour Project Scheme was started in the year 1988, which was expanded to cover 100 districts during the 9th Plan and was further expanded to cover 250 districts during the 10th Plan. Under the Scheme, children, withdrawn from hazardous occupations and processes, are put into special schools in order to enable them to be mainstreamed into formal schooling system.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* Statement-II)

Statement I

State-wise distribution of working children according to 2001 Census (Provisional)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of working children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1363339
2.	Assam	351416
3.	Bihar	1117500
4.	Gujarat	485530

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of working children
5.	Haryana	253491
6.	Himachal Pradesh	107774
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	175630
8.	Karnataka	822615
9.	Kerala	26156
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1065259
11.	Maharashtra	764075
12.	Chhattisgarh	364572
13.	Manipur	**
14.	Meghalaya	53940
15.	Jharkhand	407200
16.	Uttaranchal	70183
17.	Nagaland	**
18.	Orissa	377594
19.	Punjab	177268
20.	Rajasthan	1262570
21.	Sikkim	16457
22.	Tamil Nadu	418801
23.	Tripura	21756
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1927997
25.	West Bengal	857087
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1960
27.	Arunachal Pradesh	18482
28.	Chandigarh	3779
29.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	4274
30.	Delhi	41899
31.	Daman & Diu	729
32.	Goa	4138
33.	Lakshadweep	27
34.	Mizoram	26265
35.	Pondicherry	1904
	TOTAL	12591667

**Census could not be conducted

Figures relate to workers of age group 5-14 years.

Statement II

Funds released to States during the last five years

(Rs in Lakh)

Sl. No.	State-wise Grants Sanctioned	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1184.33	1657.67	1730.99	1693.16	2322.21
2.	Bihar	190.74	95.02	150.38	205 36	282.06
3.	Chhattisgarh	0	105.66	187.05	168.47	230.81
4.	Jharkhand	0	174.59	164.78	182.87	192.86
5.	Karnataka	97.44	211.47	296.35	320.57	331.01
6.	Madhya Pradesh	184.11	101.29	150.40	134.99	445.21
7.	Maharashtra	38.19	56.41	134.26	102.24	168.48
8.	Orissa	765.21	1232.13	337.10	1132.67	1312.64
9.	Punjab	59.96	114.64	187.54	239.37	184.05
10.	Rajasthan	180.41	309.39	337.10	352.07	443.04
11.	Tamil Nadu	301.71	655.72	749.15	746.58	724.63
12	Uttar Pradesh	336.23	766.99	841.74	759.12	754.15
13.	West Bengal	345.15	521.32	500.77	456.21	742.36
	TOTAL	3683.48	6002.3	5767.61	6493.68	8133.51

Deposit of PF by Tea Estate Owners

†3786. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that owners of tea estates of Assam deduct money from monthly income of labourers for depositing the same in provident fund;

(b) if so, whether the amount deducted from provident fund of these labourers is deposited in the Government Accounts;

(c) if not, the action taken by Government therefor; and

(d) the amount of such provident fund which has not been deposited by tea estate owners in the Government Accounts?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.